



# CONGRESSMAN JIM SENSENBRENNER A GUIDE TO WASHINGTON

Dear Friend:

Washington, DC is a fascinating and beautiful city to visit. Its historic sites and other popular attractions are open to the public year-round, and most are free of charge.

My office is pleased to arrange special Congressional Tours of several major attractions in Washington (listed below) for Ninth District residents. Each Congressional office is allowed only a **very limited** number of White House and Capitol tour tickets per week. Tickets to other attractions are also available on a limited basis. Since demand is often very high during peak travel season, please contact my office as far in advance as possible to increase the likelihood of ticket availability.

Passes to the House and Senate galleries to observe debate in both chambers can be picked up in my office. Photos and videos are not allowed.

I invite each of you to stop by my office when you visit Washington, DC. It is located in Room 2332 of the Rayburn Building (Capitol South Metro, located one block from the Capitol; please refer to map on reverse side). My staff is happy to assist you, and I always look forward to meeting Ninth District visitors.

Sincerely,

JIM SENSENBRENNER  
Member of Congress

## ***SITES TO SEE IN WASHINGTON, DC***

There are many exciting places to visit in Washington, DC, and some of these sites offer special Congressional tours, which are available through my office. To request space on special Congressional tours, just call my Washington office at **(202) 225-5101**; or write me at **2332 Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20515-4909**. You may also contact me by calling my Brookfield office at **(414) 784-1111** or my HOTLINE at **1-800-242-1119** (if you live outside the metro Milwaukee calling area), or e-mail me at **sensen09@mail.house.gov**. Visitors should be advised that my office is unable to provide assistance with public tours.

**THE WHITE HOUSE:** 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. Open Tuesday - Saturday. Public tours are given from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Visitors should go to the East Gate on East Executive Avenue. From the third Tuesday in March through the Saturday before Labor Day, as well as during the month of December, tickets are required for the tour. They can be obtained at the Visitor's Center located in the Commerce Department at 15<sup>th</sup> and E Street, NW beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the day you wish to take the tour. Tickets limited to four per person and are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge. Demand is typically high, and early arrival is suggested. Extremely limited Congressional tours are also available with at least 8 to 10 weeks advance notice. Please contact one of my offices to request tickets for these tours. Since the White House is occasionally closed for special events, it is recommended that visitors call in advance: Information: (202) 456-7041, or Special Events: (202) 456-2200. Visitor's Center hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Sunday. **McPherson Square Metro Station.**

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION:** Open Monday - Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.. Closed weekends and federal holidays. The public tour leaves every 15 minutes and lasts approximately one hour. Extremely limited Congressional tours are available with advance notice. Enter at the rear of the J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building on E Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW. Phone: (202) FBI-3447. **Federal Triangle, Metro Center, Archives, and Gallery Place Metro Stations.**

**UNITED STATES CAPITOL:** Capitol Hill. Tours are conducted Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Capitol Rotunda. Closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Visit my office or a Wisconsin senator's office during regular business hours for passes to the House of Representatives and Senate galleries. Tours: (202) 225-6827. **Capitol South or Union Station Metro Stations.**

**JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:** New Hampshire Avenue at Rock Creek Parkway and Virginia Avenue, NW. Regular public tours by Friends of the Kennedy Center volunteers are conducted Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday - Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tours leave every 20 to 30 minutes and last approximately 45 minutes. Visitors should proceed to the Tour Lounge located on Parking Level A. Limited Congressional tours available Monday-Saturday with advance notice. Phone: (202) 416-8340. **Foggy Bottom Metro Station (free shuttle bus to Kennedy Center).**

**ARLINGTON HOUSE - CUSTIS-LEE MANSION:** Home of Robert E. Lee. Open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Admission fee. Information: (703) 557-0613. **Arlington Cemetery Metro Station (Tourmobile Sightseeing Transportation available).**

*\*To my knowledge, the information in this brochure is correct as of 7/21/99. Updates: Dial-a-park: (202) 619-7275; OR Dial-a-museum: (202) 357-2020.*

**ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY:** Open daily. October – March, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. April – September, 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Women’s War Memorial, the Amphitheater, the Custis-Lee Mansion, and the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier every hour on the hour during the winter months and every half hour during the summer months. Phone: (703) 521-1119. *Arlington Cemetery Metro Station (Tourmobile Sightseeing available).*

**BOTANIC GARDENS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Maryland Avenue, SW. After completion of renovations in late 2000, open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Group tours available Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with reservations at least 14 days in advance. Information: (202) 225-8333. *Federal Center, SW and Capitol South Metro Stations.*

**BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING:** See how United States currency and stamps are printed. 14<sup>th</sup> and C Streets, SW. Tours leaving every 20 minutes, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:40 p.m. Closed weekends and federal holidays. Call in advance for late December schedule. Limited Congressional tours available (8:00 a.m. weekdays) with 6 to 8 weeks advance notice. Phone: (202) 874-3019. *Smithsonian Metro Station.*

**CAPITAL CHILDREN’S MUSEUM:** Permanent and rotating “hands-on” exhibits, crafts, and performing groups. 800 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, NE. Open daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. in the summer). Admission fee. Information: (202) 675-4125. *Union Station Metro Station.*

**CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street and New York Avenue, NW. Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily, Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Closed Tuesday and holidays. Contributions suggested. Information: (202) 639-1700. *Farragut West Metro Station.*

**DUMBARTON OAKS:** 1703 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW. Gardens open daily, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Art museum open Tuesday – Sunday, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Both closed on federal holidays. Admission fee to gardens. Wednesday, Senior Citizens’ admission free. Information: (202) 339-6401.

**FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY:** Shakespeare exhibits and performances. 201 East Capitol Street. Open Monday – Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Closed holidays. Information: (202) 544- 4600. *Capitol South Metro Station.*

**FORD’S THEATRE AND LINCOLN MUSEUM:** Theater where President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth in 1865. 511 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW (between E and F Streets). Open daily, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Closed Christmas. Phone: (202) 426-6924. *Metro Center Metro Station.*

**FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL:** West Bank of the Tidal Basin between Ohio and West Basin Drives. Open 24 hours daily. Visitors’ Center and shop open 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. daily. Information: (202) 426-6841. *Smithsonian Metro Station.*

**GEORGETOWN:** West of Rock Creek Park. The Old Stone House, oldest standing house in Washington. *Foggy Bottom Metro Station.*

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM:** 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW. Open daily, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Closed Yom Kippur and Christmas. Free tickets are available in limited quantity on a first-come, first-served basis for same-day passes. Box office located on 14<sup>th</sup> Street side of museum; open 10:00 a.m. For advance tickets, call (202) 488-0400 for information. Advance tickets include service fee. Allow at least two hours to visit the museum. *Smithsonian Metro Station.*

**JEFFERSON MEMORIAL:** South Bank of the Tidal Basin. Open 24 hours daily. Paddle boats available at Swan Boathouse to cruise the Tidal Basin. *Smithsonian Metro Station.*

**KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL:** Independence Avenue and Daniel French Drive, SW. Open 24 hours daily. *Foggy Bottom Metro Station.*

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS:** Jefferson Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Independence Avenue, SE. Madison Building, 101 Independence Avenue, SE. Film offered at the Madison Building every half hour, Monday – Friday. Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Saturday. Tours conducted Monday – Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. Same-day tickets may be obtained at the ticket desk starting at 11:00 a.m. Tour groups of over 10 people require a reservation. Phone: (202) 707-5458. *Capitol South Metro Station.*

**LINCOLN MEMORIAL:** West Potomac Park at the foot of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW. Open 24 hours daily. Bookstore is open 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Phone (202) 426-6895. *Foggy Bottom Metro Station.*

**MOUNT VERNON:** Home of George Washington located at the south end of the George Washington Parkway, 16 miles southeast of Washington, DC. Open daily at 8:00 a.m., April – August and 9:00 a.m., September – March. Entrance gates close 5:00 p.m., March – October and 4:00 p.m., November – February. Admission fee; special prices for group tours. Information: (703) 780-2000.

**NATIONAL AQUARIUM:** 14<sup>th</sup> Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW. See fish, frogs, alligators, and sharks. Open daily 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (except Christmas). Admission fee. Phone: (202) 482-2825. *Federal Triangle Metro Station.*

**NATIONAL ARBORETUM:** 24<sup>th</sup> and R Streets, NE. 444 acres of flowering trees and shrubs. Open daily, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Information: (202) 245-2726.

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES:** 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Constitution Avenue, NW. See the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Open daily 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Phone: (202) 501-5400. *Archives Metro Station.*

**NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART:** Constitution Avenue between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW. The west building and I.M. Pei’s east building house the nation’s art treasures and are connected by an underground concourse. The National Gallery encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. Open Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Phone: (202) 737-4215. *Archives and Judiciary Square Metro Stations.*

**NEWSEUM:** The Newseum is the country's only interactive museum of news. Open Wednesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Located in Rosslyn (Arlington, VA) at 1101 Wilson Blvd. Information may be obtained by phone at (703) 284-3544 or online at <http://www.newseum.org>. **Rosslyn Metro Station.**

**OCTAGON HOUSE:** Architectural exhibits. Located at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and New York Avenue, NW. Served as President James Madison's official residence following the destruction of the original White House by the British in 1814. The Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 was signed here. Open Tuesday – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; tours every half hour. Closed Monday. Information: (202) 638-3105. **Farragut West Metro Station.**

**PENTAGON:** Located in Arlington, VA, directly across the 14<sup>th</sup> Street bridge from Washington, DC. Open Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Closed weekends and federal holidays. Visitors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Visitors over 16 must show photo ID. Tours last 1 hour and 15 minutes, and begin every half hour at the ticket window at the north end of the concourse. Reservations and at least 2 weeks advance notice are required for groups of 9 or more. Follow the signs for Visitor Parking. Phone: (703)-695-1776. **Pentagon Metro Station.**

**SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION GROUP:** Free Admission. Open 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily, except the Castle which opens at 9:00 a.m. Closed Christmas. Information: (202) 357-4320.

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum – 2405 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE  
Arts and Industries Museum – 900 Jefferson Drive, SW  
The Freer Gallery of Art – Jefferson Drive at 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden – Independence Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
National Air and Space Museum – Independence Avenue at 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
National Museum of African Art – 950 Independence Avenue, SW  
National Museum of American Art – 8<sup>th</sup> and G Streets, NW  
Museum of American History – Constitution Avenue at 14<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Museum of Natural History – Constitution Avenue at 10<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
National Portrait Gallery – 8<sup>th</sup> and F Streets, NW  
Renwick Gallery – Pennsylvania Avenue and 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Sackler Gallery – 1050 Independence Avenue, SW  
Smithsonian Institution Building (The Castle) – 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW

**STATE DEPARTMENT:** 2201 C Street, NW. Tours are conducted Monday – Friday at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 2:45 p.m. Visitors are asked to arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of the tour. Entrance is on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, NW. Tours are by reservation only, and reservations are accepted 90 days in advance. Limited Congressional tours are available with 6 to 8 eight weeks advance notice. Phone: (202) 647-3241. **Foggy Bottom Metro Station.**

**SUPREME COURT:** 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Maryland Avenue, NE. Tours are available Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. when the Court is not in session. When the court is in session, tours are given only on Thursdays and Fridays. To see the Court in session, visitors must wait in line outside the building. Lines start forming at approximately 8:30 a.m., so early arrival is suggested. No tours are given during August. Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. when the Court is not in session. Phone: (202) 479-3208. **Capitol South and Union Station Metro Stations.**

**TOURMOBILE SERVICE:** The National Park Service has concessionaire-operated guided Tourmobiles that travel from Capitol Hill to Arlington Cemetery and points in between with unlimited reboarding privileges the day of the ticket purchase. Please call in advance for rates. Tourmobile operates daily, 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Information: (202) 554-7950 or (202) 628 4844.

**TREASURY DEPARTMENT:** 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. See displays of paper money and both real and counterfeit coins Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tours available only on Saturday, 10:00 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Admission is free. Information: (202) 622-2000. **Metro Center Metro Station.**

**UNION STATION:** Massachusetts Avenue and North Capitol Street, NE. Rail station refurbished in turn-of-the century motif. Open Monday – Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, Noon – 6:00 p.m. Information: (202) 371-9441. **Union Station Metro Station.**

**UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY:** 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. Ninety minute tours are available Monday evenings at 8:30 p.m. weather permitting. Reservations are needed for groups of 15 or more. Phone: (202) 762-1438.

**VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL:** Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW near the Lincoln Memorial. Black granite wall to honor Americans who served in the Vietnam War. As a special tribute to those who did not return, the names of more than 58,000 who gave their lives or remain missing are inscribed on the Memorial's walls in chronological order. **Foggy Bottom Metro Station.**

**WASHINGTON MONUMENT:** On the Mall at 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Open daily April 1 – Labor Day, 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.; mid-September – March 31, 9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Tickets are required 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. in spring and summer months, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the fall and winter months. Tickets are free and available at the center located on the west side of 15<sup>th</sup> Street on the Mall. First-come, first-served at other times. Phone: (202) 426-6839. **Smithsonian Metro Station.**

**WOLF TRAP FARM PARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS:** Near Vienna, Virginia. The nation's first National Park for the performing arts. Wolf Trap offers opera, symphonic music, pop concerts, rock, folk, jazz, and ballet. Concerts are given all winter in The Barn, which seats 350 indoors. The Filene Center has approximately 7,000 indoor/outdoor seats. Phone: (202) 255-1860.

**ZOOLOGICAL PARK:** 3000 Connecticut Avenue, NW Open daily except Christmas. May 1 – September 15, 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; animal rooms open 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. September 16 – April 30, 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; animal rooms open 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Phone: (202) 673-4800 or (202) 673-4717. **Woodley Park Metro Station.**

